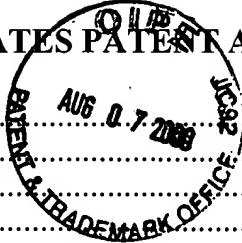


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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention identified above, entitled "Extensible Kernel-Mode Audio Processing Architecture"

I have reviewed and understand the content of the above-identified specification, including the claims.

I claim benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 120 in connection with said earlier filed application.

I hereby claim benefit under 35 U.S.C. 119(e) of United States Provisional Application 60/197,100, filed April 12, 2000.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56(a), including any information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

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